

*Main points OF THE SPEECH  
Kozlovska N.V., Deputy Minister,  
A meeting with representatives of the  
engineering community on the topic:  
"Tasks of construction engineering in the  
process of Ukraine recovery"*

**Good afternoon, colleagues!**

The topic of today's meeting is extremely relevant: combining the efforts of construction engineering under martial law and reconstruction of Ukraine is timely indeed.

**The damage caused to our country** is extensive.

According to the latest Recovery and Reconstruction Needs Assessment (RDNA3), direct damage in Ukraine has reached almost 152 billion USD. Moreover, housing, transport and energy are the most affected sectors. Almost 10 per cent of the housing stock was damaged or destroyed!

And these figures, of course, are far from final.

**There is a growing need for funds for reconstruction.**

According to RDNA3, Ukraine needs \$486 billion for recovery over the next decade.

The sum of the urgent needs for 2024 necessary for the reconstruction of housing, social infrastructure, energy and transport, is equal to almost 15 billion US dollars.

Therefore, large-scale recovery of Ukraine is possible only with the support of the international community, including IFIs and private investors.

**Attracting funds for international support involves carrying out reforms** consistent with EU policies and standards.

Yes, Ukraine Facility provides for 50 billion euros of financing total over 4 years. However, it requires the implementation of reforms, which will lay the foundation for the further recovery and development of the economy and the integration of Ukraine into the EU.

The Ministry is the agency in charge of 26 indicators under Ukraine Facility.

Whereas powerful audit and control system is a terms of financing for this project, as for all others.

In this system, during the implementation of construction projects, an important place shall be given to the independent engineering control and supervision, which is carried out, in particular, by a consulting engineer.

We understand that it is **the trust of investors and the efficiency of the use of funds** that will determine the future scope and rates of financing.

However, responsibility for the quality implementation of projects should be borne by all stakeholders, including employers, contractors, designers, experts, supervision engineers and consulting engineers.

Projects with the involvement of a consulting engineer should be the best, a model for others. Efficiency, quality, time of construction are what is expected from a consulting engineer.

It is necessary to maintain knowledge and skills at a high level, which corresponds to the development of technologies, legislation and methods of construction organization.

One of the well-known mechanisms for risks mitigation and ensuring transparency is **the use of internationally recognized forms of construction contracts**.

We are determined to further settlement of issues related to the application of the provisions of such agreements in Ukraine. We are talking about the contracts of the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC), the New Engineering Contract (NEC), the guidelines of the European Federation of Engineering Consultancy Associations (EFCA) and others, as well as design-built contracts.

A consulting engineer is involved in project implementation in the vast majority of international forms of contracts. However, one needs to be ready: investors will come with their own typical approaches, and for us these questions should be neither new nor difficult.

The Ministry is doing everything possible to ensure **legislative and technical support for the recovery** of Ukraine.

Permitting and registration procedures in construction under martial law have been simplified, and experimental projects are being implemented in the most important directions.

Compensation mechanisms for damage and destruction of certain categories of real estate have been launched.

The development of programs for the comprehensive recovery of the region and the area of the territorial community has been initiated.

Guidelines on ensuring the accessibility of educational institutions for persons with reduced mobility have been approved.

The Energy Efficient School Reuse Project has been developed.

The updated edition of the model agreement on the provision of engineering consulting services in construction has been approved.

The General Conditions for Conclusion and Performance of Capital Construction Contacts have been amended.

All these innovations must be competently and clearly applied in practice. In this aspect, the role of the consulting engineer, who is involved in all stages of project implementation and is one of the key actors in construction, should be important.

**Ensuring exercising of the right to housing** in the coming years should be a priority for the development of the construction industry.

The war has led to a significant increase in the number of internally displaced persons, which exacerbated the existing housing problem.

Hundreds of thousands of residential buildings were destroyed and damaged.

Accommodation policy should be carried out on a new basis and taking into account European experience.

It is necessary to form adequate social housing funds with an affordable level of rent, which will be provided depending on the income and property status of the family and taking into account the benefits, guarantees and subsidies determined by the law.

For this purpose, new draft laws are being developed, and an experimental project has been prepared to test new mechanisms.

Control in general and independent engineering control in particular are also very important for the implementation of such projects.

**At the same time, a lot has already been done:** thousands of infrastructure facilities have been restored, a State digital restoration management ecosystem (DREAM) and eVidnovlennia (eRestoration) are running, the Fund for Elimination of the Consequences of Armed Aggression, the Destroyed Property and Infrastructure Restoration Fund was formed.

We aim not just to rebuild destroyed facilities, but to create a brand new living space, first of all, where the destruction is significant and the reconstruction will be carried out comprehensively.

We adhere to the Build Back Better principle.

The Ministry **is open to cooperation.**

We constantly hold consultations with the public, public discussions, and meetings with experts.

Our website publishes draft legal acts developed by the Ministry, our agencies and services.

Your opinion as practitioners and seasoned specialists in your field is important, so get involved, make suggestions, initiate the necessary changes.

In this difficult time, everyone's contribution is vital.

We all work for Victory.

Each of you can find your place in future projects for the reconstruction of Ukraine. Experienced specialists will be needed.

Thank you for your attention!